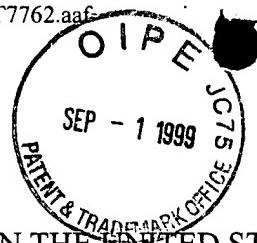


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Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 30, 1999 in the above-identified application and to a telephone interview between Examiners Achutamurthy and Garcia, David E. Brook, Attorney for Applicants, and Theresa Devlin conducted on August 4, 1999. Applicants thank the Examiners for granting the interview.

A two-month extension of time and a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action dated March 30, 1999, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently.